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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)

MS AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated January 11, 2006 (Paper No. 01092006), for which a response was due on April 11, 2006. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a three-month's extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to July 11, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.

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